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## ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a cosmetic and/or a dermatological composition containing a salicylic acid derivative, having tyrosinase inhibiting activity and melanin synthesis inhibiting activity, capable of lightening skin and treating specks.

SOLUTION: The cosmetic and/or dermatological composition comprises 0.01-2 wt.% based on the total of the composition of a salicylic acid derivative of the formula (R is a saturated aliphatic chain or a double bond-containing unsaturated chain and the chain contains 2-22C or is a halogen, trifluoromethyl, hydroxyl, a 1-6C acid, etc.; R' is hydroxyl, etc.), or its salt as an active ingredient. The composition is properly formulated with a UV screening agent (e.g. titanium oxide) and a common additive and prepared into a composition of an aqueous, oily or water/alcoholic solution, water-in-oil type or oil-in-water type emulsion, microemulsion, aqueous, oily or hydrous gel, liquid or vesicle dispersion. 5-(n-Octanoyl)salicylic acid is cited as the compound of the formula, depigments the skin without releasing the skin and has lightening actions.

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